

Proclamation

In Recognition of

Immigration Heritage Month

WHEREAS, the unique social and cultural fabric of the United States of America is woven by generations of immigrants from every corner of the globe; and

WHEREAS, our nation is a land of free and open opportunity where immigrants and their children can achieve their dreams through hard work; and

WHEREAS, immigrants have been industrious leaders in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity and campaigning to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, immigrants continue to strengthen our economy and create American jobs through innovation and growing businesses; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is a place where we celebrate our rich diversity and immigrant roots, the source of our strength, with a proud history of immigration where laborers on the plantations paved the way for sons and daughters to be teachers in the classrooms, scientists in the field, leaders in government, soldiers on the battlefield and much more; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i is home to immigrants from China, Japan, Korea, Micronesia, Okinawa, the Philippines, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Samoa, Tonga, Vietnam and many, many more places; and

WHEREAS, over 130 languages are spoken in Hawai'i and 17.9 percent of Hawaii's population are foreign born; and

WHEREAS, immigration enhances Hawai'i's cultural diversity, adding to the variety of languages, customs, music and cuisines enjoyed in the islands;

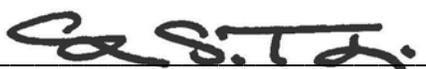
THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim June as

“IMMIGRATION HERITAGE MONTH”

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the value of diversity, honoring the achievements of immigrants, celebrating their contributions to our communities, and sharing their stories and heritage.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourteenth day of June 2017.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i